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R 170951Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4017
INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3079

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN "HELICOPTERS" FORCED TO LAND IN SUDAN

REF: A) KHARTOUM 1656, B) ADDIS ABABA 3033 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY AID PILOT ALLEGES TWO "HELICOPTERS" REPORTED
REFTEL A IN FACT TWO LIGHT PLANES, ONE BI-PLANE CROP SPRAYER,
OTHER PILATEUS PORTER (SWISS STOL). BOTH HAD BEEN CHARTERED BY
LOCAL ADMAS AIR SERVICE TO REPAIR THIRD LIGHT PLANE
(AZTEC) WHICH HAD GONE DOWN NEAR SUDAN BORDER
INSIDE ETHIOPIA NEAR AKOBA, ILLUBABOR REGION. TWO
PLANES, WITH MECHANICS AND CREWS (POLISH PILOTS,
ETHIOPIAN MECHANICS) APPARENTLY CROSSED BORDER FOR
PURPOSE OF DEFECTING. THIS NO DOUBT REASON WHY
SUDAN GOVERNMENT PRESENTLY "STUDYING" EPISODE.

2. COMMENT: EPMG PRESENTLY SUFFERING FROM CRITICAL
SHORTAGE HELICOPTERS (REFTEL B), AND EMBASSY DOUBTS EPMG
WILLING TO DIVERT BADLY NEEDED HELICOPTER ASSETS FOR LONG
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RANGE MISSION "ONE HUNDRED MILES INSIDE SUDAN".
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